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TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING

August 16, 2006
Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Concord, New Hampshire

Members Present: John Sutton, MD, Sharon Phillips, RN, Steve Bateman, EMTP, Heather Page, Cherie Holmes MD, Rosie Swain, RN, Eileen Corcoran, RN

Guests: Noreen LaFleur, RN, Doreen Gilligan, RN, Janet Houston, John Leary, EMTP, RN, Donna Driscoll, RN, Nancy Guy, RN

Bureau Staff: Vicki Blanchard, EMTP

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Trauma Medical Review Committee was called to order by Dr. Sutton at 9:30 am on Wednesday August 16, 2006 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord, NH.

Item 1. Introductions: Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves.

Item 2. Minutes. The minutes of the June 2006 meeting were approved by email by all who attended that meeting, and were distributed by e-mail prior to this meeting.

IV. Committee Discussion Items

Item 1. Renewal and Hospital Updates and AMT UR subcommittee Vicki reported that the Air Medical Transport Utilization Review Subcommittee would not be meeting today because Clay is out of town. They will finish up the review at the October meeting.

Androscoggin Valley Hospital has created some new trauma quality improvement policies. They submitted them to Clay for review. There are some questions about surgeon commitment to the program. This process is still on hold for now.

Item 2. NH Bureau of EMS Report See attached report.

Item 3. Interfacility Transport Task Force The IFT Task Force is currently engaged in the data collection process. The group came up with a data collection tool to distribute to the hospitals. The goals of the data collection are to monitor the time that a patient arrived in the ED until they were on their way by ambulance to the receiving facility, and to collect data related to which ambulance service was called, their response, how many services needed to be called, what level of provider was required, etc.

Item 4. Trauma Team Training Project The Laerdal SimMan manikin that was purchased with federal trauma grant funds has arrived. Clay is currently attending a training program at the Laerdal Headquarters in New York to learn how to use the manikin and program the device's software. We continue to work with DHMC, particularly Drs. Gupta and Blike to refine the program.

III Old Business

Item 1. Revision of NH Trauma Plan There was a substantial discussion about the need to revise the NH Trauma System Plan. Dr. Sutton discussed the newest "Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation" document that was distributed by the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services, HRSA – Trauma/EMS Project. The document mentions everything that should be in a trauma plan but is very generic. It also introduces the concept of considering the trauma plan in the concept of a public health model.

The current NH Trauma Plan has three sections; Overview – TMRC responsibility, verifying hospitals, includes injury prevention and rehab., Clinical Components – EMS and hospital, Essential items and Desired items., Pediatric – we were the first state with a pedi trauma plan, so we got a lot of mileage, but it's really just a copy of the adult standards with pedi added. Janet Houston said the Level II's do not have pedi expertise and we should be explicit about what they should transfer and what they could keep.

There was discussion about what would be desirable in the plan if we were to start from scratch. There was a discussion about tentatively dividing up the document for review by members and guests willing to do so. In Clay's absence, Vicki will attempt to find an electronic copy of the document.

Item 2. 2006 Trauma Conference Planning for the 2006 NH Trauma Conference is well underway. The date is November 29, 2006 at the Church Landing Facility at the Inns at Mill Falls in Meredith. The conference will move past last year's theme of trauma team resuscitation and focus on transfer issues. The theme is "Ready, Set, Go..." Speakers will include Ann Lystrup, RN from Utah, who was the President of the Flight Nurses Association and who represented ENA at the NHTSA Project "Guidelines for Interfacility Patient Transfer – 2006". Peter Jacoby, MD from Waterbury CT will do a presentation on how to prepare the patient for transfer, what should be done and what doesn't need to be done. David Mooney, MD from Boston Children's Hospital

will talk about pediatric trauma resuscitation and transfer issues. Dr. Fred Rogers from Burlington VT will do a presentation on telemedicine in trauma. Breakout sessions are planned for a report on the air medical transport utilization review project, NH activities to improve interfacility transport, and the NH Trauma Team Training Initiative using the SimMan.

IV. New Business

None

V. Public Comment

Dr. Sutton discussed Dartmouth-Hitchcock's status with the American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma center verification process. DHMC was verified as a Level I facility by the ACS in 1996. They recently underwent a site visit for renewal of their verification and some deficiencies were found. Dr. Sutton explained that if a criteria deficiency was found the facility was put "on hold" until the deficiency was resolved. The ACS verification they had been working under ran out in August and there is no grace period. They are working on the deficiencies and hope to have the reviewers back in the fall.

Sharon Phillips reports that Concord Hospital administration has decided to seek a review by the American College of Surgeons (not seeking verification) in order to obtain suggestions for improvement. The expense of this effort is at least \$8000.00.

The Trauma Coordinators Working Group will be meeting here at the NH Fire Academy immediately following the TMRC meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Sutton adjourned the meeting at 11:30. He advised the group that the next scheduled meeting of the Trauma Medical Review Committee would be October 18, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy. This date was later changed to October 25, 2006, same time, same place

Respectfully submitted:

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